

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGIONAL AVIATION ISSUES**

Date: 11/24/04

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Action**
Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2004 City Council Subcommittee Meeting

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
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PUBLIC MEETING
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councilman Wayne Ecton
Councilman Bob Littlefield.

STAFF: Scott Gray, Aviation Director
Steve Olson, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2004 Joint Meeting with the Airport Advisory Commission.

Mr. Scott Gray advised the Subcommittee members that the Airport Advisory Commission reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 21, 2004 Joint Meeting at their meeting of May 12, 2004.

Councilman Ecton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of April 21, 2004. Councilman Littlefield seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Maricopa Association of Governments – Regional Aviation System Plan (MAG RASP) Update.

Mr. Gray informed the Subcommittee that on May 13th he attended a meeting of the recently formed Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Gray noted they had a less than acceptable working paper, there were quite a few comments, and they suggested the consultant make corrections and improvements and then submit a full document to the committee. Mr. Gray added the title of the working paper was "Preferred Scenario." He added they have already completed all the early work and alternatives and this was the preferred scenario; the completed document will be approximately 100 pages. However, they were only provided a 10-page summary and it wasn't enough detail. Mr. Gray added they have not set a date yet for the next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting when the consultant will come back with the changes. Mr. Gray indicated a list of designated representatives and noted the Chairman was the Town Manager for Wickenburg.

Councilman Littlefield inquired if the consultants have done any work along the lines of considering the airspace as opposed to just the ground facilities. Mr. Gray responded the consultants did some limited airspace analysis, but what came out of the Technical Advisory Committee was a recommendation that a full airspace analysis be conducted. Councilman Ecton asked when they talked about airspace were they referring to a study just for this area, regional, or national. Mr. Gray responded at this point they are not sure, but it sounds like at a minimum they need to look at it from the state level, as our state is affected by Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Albuquerque so there is a tie in to those areas. Councilman Ecton stated in

reality they need a national airspace study, and they made that request known when they were in Washington, D.C. recently.

Mr. Gray advised the Subcommittee that representatives from the City of Phoenix and other communities were in agreement that airspace is the issue that needs to be studied and that is the biggest restriction for aviation in this area. Mr. Gray added that no one knows yet to what extent the airspace study needs to be and who will sponsor it, for example, the City, the state, the FAA, etc. Mr. Gray added the state had applied for a grant to have the study done, and the grant application is with the FAA, however, it is not certain if it will be funded. Currently, the FAA has not indicated to the state whether they will provide the funding. Mr. Gray advised the Subcommittee he would keep them updated on the MAG RASP issues.

3. Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group (PAUWG) Update.

Mr. Gray stated he has provided the Subcommittee a copy of the agenda from the last PAUWG meeting, Mr. Gray updated the Subcommittee on several items on the agenda, including the Arizona legislative update, House Bill 2662 to reduce aircraft registration fees on older aircraft, flight property tax, and the RNAV's. Mr. Gray noted that in Northwest 2000 the idea was to have the RNAV's, however, they have not been turned on. He added all RNAV's throughout the country shut down; the test bed was Las Vegas and those RNAV's are on and they are finishing up some final testing to get full utilization. Mr. Gray noted the new criteria for establishing RNAV's will come out in July and Phoenix will have to go back and look at all the ones that were developed for Phoenix and determine if they meet the new criteria. Mr. Gray estimated the time frame could be anywhere from their determination that they are in compliance, or if they have to go through a complete analysis which could take up to 18 months.

Mr. Gray advised the Subcommittee they also provided PAUWG with an update on the progress of the Part 150 Study. He also advised them that the terminal radar to be installed in the north valley has been moved up to the summer of 2006, which should coincide with the opening of the new TRACON.

Mr. Gray noted the last item on the PAUWG agenda was the LAAS presentation. He stated the system is the local area augmentation system and is basically a more precise GPS. Mr. Gray advised there is an FAA contractor working on LAAS procedures out of Oklahoma State University where the FAA's technical center is located. Mr. Gray stated they are very interested in putting in a test bed in the Phoenix area to serve a number of airports. Mr. Gray then provided a technical overview of the capabilities of LAAS.

Mr. Gray advised the Subcommittee the next PAUWG meeting is scheduled for the end of July.

4. Flight Property Tax Diversion Issues

Mr. Gray stated there is a pamphlet that the Arizona Airports Association prepared that talks about the property flight tax issue. Mr. Gray added he sent an email to all the House Representatives on behalf of AzAA, of which he is president, and he sent an additional email as the Aviation Director for Scottsdale basically stating the same thing; to try to get the money back from the diversion of aviation funds to the general fund. He added that as of this week, it appears there is some push by the House Representatives to get 100 percent back, and the Senate has already voted to pass their bill at 50 percent. Mr. Gray noted this had delayed of the airport's projects so they are hoping to get back 100 percent.

5. N.O.I.S.E. Group

Mr. Gray noted that Councilman Ecton attended the N.O.I.S.E. Group meeting last year and he added it to the agenda this evening since they received an invitation from this group to make a presentation at their noise symposium. However, before they do anything they wanted to bring the issue to the Subcommittee to determine whether or not the City was going to be a member of the N.O.I.S.E. organization. Mr. Gray noted that if the City were to become a member it would cost \$1,540.00 a year and they would like to have a political representative or elected official be the representative for the City.

Mr. Gray stated the next item coincides with this item in that the N.O.I.S.E. group consists of mostly municipalities and is an elected officials-type group and works through the National League of Cities to support improved aircraft noise legislation that could help airports control aircraft noise if they are unable to do so with current legislation.

Councilman Ecton stated this group did not impress him. He added they had reasonable attendance, however, there didn't appear to be a lot of professionalism in the group and it was more of a gripe session, sharing their experiences and talking about their individual problems. Councilman Ecton said he felt there was no real initiative to discuss how they would approach the issue or the proposed legislation. He felt they did not have much power yet.

Mr. Gray stated the conference chair is Dave Carbone from San Mateo whom he knows from his work as a consultant. However, Ms. Jennifer Lewis knows Mr. Carbone very well from her work in San Francisco where they were on a roundtable together. As they were looking for a G.A. perspective, Mr. Carbone sent an invitation to Ms. Lewis to present what we are doing from a community outreach program, and if we would be interested in presenting that material to their organization. Mr. Gray thought at present the group has only 47 members.

Councilman Ecton inquired when they are requesting Ms. Lewis to make the presentation. Mr. Gray responded it would be in July. Mr. Gray stated if the City wasn't going to be a member of the organization, then they probably would respectfully decline to make the presentation to their group. However, they would be more interested the Sound Initiative is going to make their first "what we are going to do" session in the last week in June, and they were going to see if Ms. Lewis could attend that session just to hear what is going on. He added that meeting would take place in Las Vegas.

Mr. Gray stated he wished to point out that the information they had the last time this came before the Subcommittee last year, one of the members that dropped out was the City of Tempe. Mr. Gray noted most of the member communities listed do not own and operate their airport but are impacted by the airport.

The Subcommittee determined not to join the N.O.I.S.E. Group at this time.

Mr. Gray advised the Subcommittee that Ms. Lewis would not be attending the N.O.I.S.E. group meeting, based on what was stated. However, the Sound Initiative Group, which sent out an email afterwards stating they were going to make their first presentation at the AAAE Conference, is the conference that they would like to send Ms. Lewis to for the day to have some representation at the conference.

Mr. Gray stated the conference does provide some opportunities to work with other cities dealing with the same issues. Some discussion ensued concerning the value of joining with other groups and sharing ideas and opinions.

6. Sound Initiative Group

Mr. Gray stated this group just started and arose out of conversations with airports similar to Scottsdale in that they have a lot of business jets interested in the Stage 1 and Stage 2 issue. He added Morristown, NJ sent an email to the entire airport world in the United States and asked who is having problems with Stage 1 and 2, and who would be interested in having federal legislation similar to the commercial airlines. Mr. Gray stated he responded by saying that they would be interested and to be kept informed how they would proceed. Mr. Gray noted the letter they sent outlined their goals and that they are going to work with the League of Cities to get federal legislation that does something about Stage 1 and Stage 2 aircraft. He added they will be working with this group from the airport's perspective.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Councilman Ecton stated they have decided to keep doing this for the time being as they feel they are addressing the regional issues, not only the local issues, however, he suspects there is not much need to meet in July and August.

Councilman Littlefield inquired if they would meet in June and then again in September. Councilman Ecton responded that would make sense.

Mr. Gray stated he would see if there were items for the June agenda as none of the other noise groups would be meeting again before June, and he would probably only have an update on the flight property tax issue that he could email to the Subcommittee.

Councilman Ecton then said to reevaluate the meeting schedule and asked for Councilman Littlefield's opinion. Councilman Littlefield suggested they cancel their Subcommittee meetings for the months of June, July, and August with the next scheduled meeting to be held on September 15, 2004, in the Kiva Conference Room.

Mr. Gray inquired if the Via Linda Senior Center would still be an alternate meeting location or if there were other locations of preference.

Councilman Littlefield stated he would like to have at least one more meeting at the Via Linda Senior Center, but have the September meeting in the Kiva.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2. Action**
Election of the New Chairman

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GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Information

Discussion of the Aviation Subcommittee's role and meeting schedule

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2005 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY _____

FEBRUARY _____

MARCH _____

APRIL _____

MAY _____

JUNE _____

JULY _____

AUGUST _____

SEPTEMBER _____

OCTOBER _____

NOVEMBER _____

DECEMBER _____

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4. Information

Review and discussion of the 14 CFR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study with representatives of the consultant and Technical Advisory Team

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5. Information

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- 6. Information**
 - Regional Airspace Plan Update

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7. Information

Air Charter Service Update

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- 8. Information**
 - Proposed Scheduled Service

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9. Information

H.M.M.H/Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell's Stage 2 Initiative

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10. Information**
Pilot/Community Outreach Program Update

PILOT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

November 2004

A. *Pilot Education/Outreach*

1. Mandatory Noise Abatement Training

Purpose: Request the FAA to provide guidance regarding “mandatory” noise abatement training.

Status: FAA indicated that mandatory training for based tenants is permissible only if it includes security and safety. Therefore, staff drafted a training program, which includes safety and security in addition to noise abatement and other airport rules and regulations. This item is combined with #3 below; therefore it will be deleted as a separate reference.

2. Mandatory Regulation Enforcement

Purpose: City attorney to provide opinion on legal authority for mandatory regulations, vis-à-vis 14 CFR Part 161.

Status: City Attorney’s office indicated that mandatory regulations must be evaluated and approved through a Part 161 process. This item was analyzed under the 14 CFR Part 150 Study process and recommended by our consultant not to be pursued. Therefore, this item will be deleted from the program.

3. Educational Video/CD ROM, Kiosks

Purpose: Examine the possible FAA grant funding for a pilot education video and kiosks.

Status: The educational video filming took place in July and August and is currently in the final production stage.

4. Stage 2 Operator Outreach

Purpose: Awareness letters are sent to Stage II aircraft operators on a monthly basis to inform them of the community’s concerns and ask that they fly as neighborly as possible. Pilot “Good Neighbor” pledges are mailed with each letter.

Status: Beginning in September 2003, letters are being sent each month to registered owners of Stage II aircraft that operated during that month. Pilots of these aircraft have responded via telephone and by submitting pilot “good neighbor” pledges.

5. Major Transient Operator Communication

Purpose: To provide noise abatement education directly with major transient operators.

Status: Staff will contact each major operator to setup meetings with Chief Pilots/Training Officers after the educational video is completed.

6. Voluntary Curfew Outreach (10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.)

Purpose: Awareness letters are sent each month to inform aircraft operators of the voluntary curfew and encourage trip reduction during “quiet” hours whenever possible. Pilot “Good Neighbor” pledges are mailed with each letter.

Status: Beginning in June 2003, letters are being sent each month to registered owners of aircraft that operated during the voluntary curfew time. Aircraft operators respond via telephone and by submitting pilot “Good Neighbor” pledges.

7. FAA Wings Seminar Presentations

Purpose: Support staff’s ongoing pilot education efforts through sponsoring FAA seminars.

Status: Staff is continuously working with FAA on this program. Staff attended the March 2004 safety seminar and will host future safety seminars as requested by FAA.

8. ATIS Broadcasts

Purpose: To request that the FAA revise the existing noise abatement broadcast on ATIS or explore other “ATIS-like” automated broadcasts.

Status: ATIS includes a statement that noise abatement procedures are in effect. Staff will pursue additional broadcasts during monthly FAA coordination meetings.

9. Random Field Observations

Purpose: Request FAA approval for observation of “Brite” scope radar for altitude monitoring & education, and request “Brite” scope feed at terminal.

Status: Staff had conversations with FAA for a “Brite” scope feed to the terminal, and FAA indicated that an additional feed is not available for the terminal. Staff will follow-up with a formal written request to FAA Region.

10. “Targeted” Pilot Guides – Jet, Prop, Helicopter

Purpose: To provide aircraft type specific pilot guides.

Status: Pilot guides are being evaluated under the ongoing 14 CFR Part 150 Study process. Staff has worked with helicopter operators, and completed a helicopter pilot guide similar to the updated letter of agreement (LOA) that was implemented in June 2004. Distribution of the helicopter pilot guide will begin early in 2005.

11. Pilot “Good Neighbor” Pledge

Purpose: To document pilot support for Scottsdale Airport’s noise abatement and community outreach programs, and generate increased pilot awareness and encouragement to operate neighborly.

Status: *Pledges are mailed with each monthly Stage II and Voluntary Curfew Awareness letter; provided on the Airport Web Site; distributed to flight schools at the surrounding general aviation airports; and given to pilots at flight seminars and conferences. As of November 2004, there have been 242 pledges submitted.*

12. Noise Abatement Recognition Program

Purpose: To recognize pilots, individuals, residents, flight schools and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to Scottsdale Airport’s Noise Abatement/Pilot Education efforts.

Status: *Staff to draft program specifics. Staff will present a developed program to the Airport Commission early 2005.*

B. Community Education/Outreach

1. Channel 11 Video

Purpose: Produce education video about Scottsdale Airport and broadcast regularly. Broadcast AOPA “Fly Friendly” video regularly, and explore other outreach efforts via Channel 11.

Status: Internal staff meetings to prepare script for video. Coordination is needed with CAPA for filming and finalizing script and content.

2. Property transfer notification – fair disclosure

Purpose: Explore possibility of requiring disclosure of City facilities and flight paths.

Status: Staff and City Attorney’s office reviewing possible options. Incorporated notification was included in recent DC Ranch development.

3. General Airport Notice – directional signage

Purpose: To place directional signage throughout the community surrounding the airport to indicate directional information and notification that an airport is located nearby.

Status: The first phase of this program was completed to the east of the airport. Sign locations for phase two were sited in areas south, north, and west of the airport. Approximately 45 signs have been installed thus far. Future phases will target areas northeast and east of the airport. Other “low aircraft” signage in the vicinity of the airport was explored under the 14 CFR Part 150 Study process and determined to be problematic; therefore it was not recommended that warning-type signage be pursued for the areas surrounding Scottsdale Airport.

4. Tower Frequency Broadcast via Internet

Purpose: Broadcast Tower frequency via Internet for improved community information.

Status: Staff contacted local vendor to provide service, and www.squawkvfr.com is currently in service.

5. 14 CFR Part 150 Study

Purpose: To evaluate existing and future noise influences and noise abatement alternatives, and provide recommendations for further reduction of aircraft noise impacts on the surrounding community.

Status: FAA grant funding received and City Council approved. Study began in August 2003; the first public workshop was held in October 2003; the second public workshop was held in March 2004; the third public workshop was held in August 2004, and the fourth was held in late October. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January or early February 2005.

6. Friendly Flight Forums

Purpose: To encourage periodic educational opportunities for pilots to communicate with interested members of the community on physics of flight, aircraft parts, familiarization of procedures, and “see and touch” aircraft.

Status: Staff is working on development of this program with coordination from Scottsdale Pilots and Aircraft Association (SPAA). This may become part of the Airport Open House tentatively set for Spring 2005.

7. Homeowner Association (HOA) Outreach

Purpose: To meet with interested homeowner associations to discuss Scottsdale Airport programs, operating facts, and any Airport points of interest to individual HOAs.

Status: Letters were sent to 224 HOAs on February 24, 2004, indicating airport availability to present at their meetings. To date, two HOAs and The Blue Goose group requested presentations.

8. Realtor Outreach

Purpose: To meet with Realtors and Real Estate Agents and provide disclosure information about Scottsdale Airport and its role in the community. This information is intended to be shared with prospective homebuyers prior to a home purchase.

Status: Staff meets with Realtors on almost a monthly basis to present information pertaining to the airport’s operation as well as its benefits and impacts on the area. As a result, prospective buyers are often referred to SDL by their Realtors and Real Estate Agents and call airport staff to discuss how aircraft operations may impact prospective home locations.